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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

##### District 1

District 1: **will be closed.**

##### District 2

The following area will continue to be open to purse seining **through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 11, 2012:**

District 2: will be open north of 54°47.10' N. latitude (located approximately one-half nautical miles south of McLean Point Light) and south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

##### District 4

District 4: **will be closed.**

##### District 7

Section 7-A: **will be closed.**

##### District 10

District 10: **will be closed.**

##### District 11

**The following area will be open to purse seining from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 12:**

**Section 11-A: will be open in the following area:**

**Amalga Harbor SHA:** will be open in the waters of Favorite Channel within the boundaries of a line from a marker on the mainland shore south of Eagle Beach at 58°30.65' N. latitude, 134°49.30' W. longitude, running west to the northernmost tip of Gull Island at 58°30.35' N. latitude, 134°52.14' W. longitude, then running south to the southernmost tip of Bird Island at 58°29.32' N. latitude, 134°51.01' W. longitude, then running southeast to a marker on the mainland shore north of Pearl Harbor at 58°28.78' N. latitude, 134°47.26' W. longitude, then north to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°28.99' N. latitude, 134°47.41' W. longitude, then north to the westernmost tip of Kishbrock Island at 58°29.47' N. latitude, 134°47.78' W. longitude, and then north to a marker on the mainland shore at 58°30.02' N. latitude, 134°48.06' W. longitude.

**District 12**

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 12, 2012:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Point Augusta: **will be closed.**

Hidden Falls THA: will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°51.78' W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°48.00' W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°43.00' W. longitude then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°47.50' W. longitude with the following restriction:

**Kasnyku Bay:** will be closed north and west of a line from North Point to the northernmost tip of Round Island to the southernmost tip of Round Island to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48' N. latitude, 134°50.98' W. longitude.

**Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions:** for the Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may **NOT** be retained and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that catches from the Kendrick Bay THA must be kept separate from the areas of District 2 outside of Kendrick Bay and recorded separately on a fish ticket. The statistical area for the Kendrick Bay THA is 102-15 inside of Kendrick Bay and 102-10 inside of McLean Arm. The statistical areas for portions of District 2 open outside of the Kendrick Bay THA are 102-10 (Kendrick Bay south) and 102-20 (Kendrick Bay north).

Hidden Falls Information: the NSRAA Board of Directors has requested that the Department of Revenue assess a 20% tax of the value of all chum salmon harvested in the waters described as Section 12-A south of 57°27.00' N. latitude, north of 57°01.00' N. latitude, and west of a line from 57°27.00' N. latitude, 134°45.50' W. longitude to 57°01.00' N. latitude, 134°41.50' W. longitude (Subsections 112-11, 112-21, and 112-22) from June 15 through July 31 as provided for under AS 16.10.455 and new regulations adopted by the Department of Revenue found at:

<http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/documentviewer/viewer.aspx?209s>.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Friday, July 13, 2012.**

Copies of the "2012 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan" may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department's website at:  
[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon\\_managementplans](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans).

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S3812.

<b>Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates</b> <b>Statistical Week 28 (midweek)</b> <b>Preliminary Estimates compiled July 10, 2012</b>							
NUMBERS OF SALMON							
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	-	700	400	7,000	4,000	12,100	7
District 2*	-	4,500	6,000	40,000	145,000	195,500	80
District 4	-	1,400	1,000	4,000	17,000	23,400	11
Section 7-A	-	250	600	12,000	7,000	19,850	24
Hidden Falls THA	170	120	10	300	81,000	81,600	48
Point Augusta	-	500	70	7,400	14,200	22,170	7
FISH PER BOAT							
Area	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	-	100	57	1,000	571	1,729	
District 2*	-	56	75	500	1,813	2,444	
District 4	-	127	91	364	1,545	2,127	
Section 7-A	-	10	25	500	292	827	
Hidden Falls THA	4	0	0	0	1,688	1,700	
Point Augusta	-	71	10	1,057	2,029	3,167	
*District 2 harvest is for Sunday only.							
District 10: no reported harvest.							
Anita Bay THA: 8,600 chums and 3,100 kings harvested to date.							
Deep Inlet THA: confidential.							
Kendrick Bay THA: 30,000 chums harvested to date.							
Point Augusta: Stat Week 28 index area pink salmon harvest was 17% of the 10-year average.							

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